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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES MODERNIZATION: FRG  
PARTICIPATION IN ARMY SURVEY TEAM

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BEGIN SUMMARY: FEDERAL MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS SUPPLIED  
COMPOSITION OF FRG SURVEY TEAM WHICH WILL WORK WITH THE  
U.S. SURVEY TEAM TO DISCUSS PORTUGUESE FORCES MODERN-  
IZATION (REFTEL). A PROBLEM HAS DEVELOPED CONCERNING  
COORDINATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND FRG SURVEY TEAMS.  
THE FMOD FEELS IT MORE APPROPRIATE TO MEET WITH ITS  
AMERICAN COLLEAGUES IN LISBON ON SUNDAY, JULY 25 THAN  
TO HAVE PRIOR DISCUSSIONS AT EUCOM. END SUMMARY.

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1. BRIGADIER GENERAL GLANZ, WHO HAS BEEN ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY TO ORGANIZE THE GERMAN ARMY TEAM, TELEPHONED CHIEF MAAG TO PROVIDE THE TEAM COMPOSITION AND TO STATE THE FMOD'S POSITION THAT IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR THE GERMAN AND AMERICAN SURVEY TEAMS TO JOIN UP IN LISBON. THE FRG AND U.S. CO-CHAIRMEN WOULD AGREE ON A DIVISION OF WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THEIR PORTUGUESE COLLEAGUES USING GUIDANCE PROVIDED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE AMBASSADORS.

2. THE GERMAN ARMY TEAM CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOW-  
ING:

GRADE TITLE/EXPERIENCE

06	TEAM CHIEF, CDR OF ARMD/INF BDE
05	BDE G4
05 OR 04	ARMD INF BN CDR
05 OR 04	ARMOR OFF WITH ANTI-TANK QUALIFICATIONS
05 OR 04	SPECIALIST ON ORGANIZATIONS
04	GL OFFICER, SPEAKS PORTUGUESE

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE GERMAN DESIRE TO FIELD A SEPARATE TEAM THAT WILL NOT MEET WITH OURS UNTIL THEIR ARRIVAL IN LISBON IS RATHER FIRMLY HELD. THE US MAAG CHIEF POINTED OUT TO GENERAL GLANZ THAT IT WOULD BE OPERATIONALLY DESIRABLE FOR THE GERMAN AND AMERICAN TEAMS TO MEET AND COORDINATE THEIR WORK EARLY ON. GENERAL GLANZ POLITELY BUT FIRMLY MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE FMOD DID NOT SHARE THIS VIEW. WE THINK HE WAS ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS AND WAS PROBABLY REFLECTING GERMAN FEARS THAT PRIOR EUCOM CONSULTATION WOULD MAKE IT APPEAR THAT THE GERMAN TEAM WAS RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS/GUIDANCE FROM THE US.

4. AS WE SEE THIS, IT APPEARS THAT THERE IS A MODEST CONFLICT BETWEEN OUR OBJECTIVE FOR OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY THROUGH COORDINATION AND OUR OBJECTIVE FOR A GENUINE GERMAN SENSE OF PARTICIPATION. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD (AND PROBABLY MUST) YIELD TO THE GERMAN  
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DESIRE TO HAVE A SEPARATE TEAM. IN FACT, WE THINK THAT THIS IS A WELCOME DEVELOPMENT BECAUSE IT SHOULD REFLECT A GERMAN DESIRE TO PLAY A MAJOR ROLE. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE RECOGNIZE THAT IT WILL PROBABLY PLACE AN ADDITIONAL BURDEN ON AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI AND WILL ALSO REQUIRE CLOSER COORDINATION BETWEEN THE US AND THE GERMAN EMBASSIES IN LISBON AS WELL AS, OF COURSE, BETWEEN THOSE EMBASSIES AND THE PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES.

5. THE TIMING OF THE GERMAN ARRIVAL PRESENTS ANOTHER PROBLEM. THE AMERICAN TEAM WILL BE READY TO LEAVE THIS WEEKEND AND WOULD, THUS, NORMALLY ARRIVE A WEEK BEFORE THE GERMAN TEAM. HAVING HAD MORE ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRIP, WE WERE CONSIDERABLY BETTER ORGANIZED. ONCE AGAIN, HOWEVER, WE THINK THE COMPOSI-

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TION OF THE GERMAN TEAM AND ITS DESIRE TO DELAY ITS DEPARTURE MAY BE A POSITIVE POLITICAL SIGN ALTHOUGH IT PRESENTS US WITH CERTAIN OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS. THIS EMBASSY'S JUDGMENT WOULD BE THAT THE US TEAM

SHOULD DELAY ITS DEPARTURE SO AS TO ARRIVE IN LISBON  
AROUND THE SAME TIME AS THE GERMAN TEAM. WE RECOGNIZE  
THAT THIS MAY CREATE SOME PROBLEMS FOR EUCOM AND  
PERHAPS SOME DELAYS IN THE PLANS THAT LISBON MAY HAVE  
MADE.

6. AS ADDRESSEES WILL NOTE, WE HAVE FELT FROM THE  
BEGINNING THAT WE COULD AND SHOULD MAKE CERTAIN  
CONCESSIONS OF FORM TO THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT BECAUSE  
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OUR OVERRIDING POLITICAL OBJECTIVE WAS TO GIVE THEM  
A SENSE OF FULL PARTICIPATION AND--HOPEFULLY--A GREATER  
FEELING OF RESPONSIBILITY AND A GREATER READINESS TO  
CONTRIBUTE TO WHAT WILL BE A CONSIDERABLE EFFORT. ON  
THE BASIS OF THIS ATTITUDE, WE WOULD RECOMMEND DEFERENCE  
TO THE GERMAN POSITIONS REGARDING SEPARATE THOUGH  
COORDINATED TEAMS AND REGARDING DELAYED ARRIVAL. WE  
WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEE REACTIONS IF THIS PRESENTS  
INSURMOUNTABLE PROBLEMS.  
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